

YADKIN COUNTY UTILITY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MINUTES
May 7, 2008

The Joint Utilities Committee met on Wednesday, May 7, 2008 at 6:30 at the Jonesville Town Hall/Visitor Center.

Board Members Present:

Chair Kim Clark Phillips, Committee Member
Commissioner Brady Wooten, Committee Member
Commissioner Chad Wagoner (also present)

Others Present:

Eric Williams, County Manager
Randy Darden, Arcadis
Gene Pardue, Jonesville Town Commissioner
Edna Martin, Jonesville Town Commissioner
Scott Bufkin, Interim Jonesville Town Manager
Jim Woodie, Municipal Engineering

CALL TO ORDER by Chair Phillips at 6:30pm.

The purpose of this meeting was to continue the discussions regarding cooperative relationships between Yadkin County and Jonesville on the matter of future water supply. Updates were provided concerning any new activities since the last meeting of this committee (in Yadkin County's offices) on April 16, 2008 as follows:

- Extending the period for reduced tap fees (on the Jonesville to West Yadkin Elementary School line) from the original May 15 ending date for another 3 months, until August 15. Individual letters have been mailed.
- The Emergency Interconnect Resolution now being circulated (in an effort to secure special State assistance) between the towns of Yadkinville, Jonesville, Elkin, and Yadkin County.
- A related meeting between all the Managers and Engineers (as well as Jonesville Utility Director, Tim Collins) on May 2, 2008.
- Communication between the Town of Jonesville and the State (Mr. Woody Younts) concerning the matter of permitted withdrawals from the Yadkin River currently available to the Town of Jonesville and the favorable prospects of increasing those.

- General discussions about financial and operational information on Jonesville's water plant and water distribution system.
- Various options for the construction of a new water treatment plant in Jonesville (conventional construction vs. a "package" plant alternative) and associated treatment capacities, probable costs, and life cycles. For example, it was noted that a 1 MGD plant would cost roughly \$4 – 4 ½ million with traditional construction (with an estimated 40 year life) and a 1 MGD "package" plant (with a number of components pre-engineered) would cost roughly \$2 million (with an estimated 20 year life). Both engineers (Mr. Darden from Arcadis and Mr. Woodie from Municipal Engineering) felt that a "package" plant might very well be the best alternative in terms of overall cost and time required to construct. Mr. Woodie indicated he would obtain a database of existing plants of this type to share with the committee at their next meeting.
- General discussion also occurred regarding the status of water supply in both Boonville and East Bend... in addition to the principal focus of discussions at this point involving Yadkin County, Jonesville, Yadkinville, and Elkin.
- It was also discussed that the discussions regarding intergovernmental arrangements would eventually elevate themselves to the full governing board level (and in particular, those discussions would likely involve local financial contributions, ownership issues, prospects of an Authority, etc.).

Everyone present unanimously agreed that these discussions between Jonesville and Yadkin County were highly productive and should be continued. Accordingly, the group present agreed that the next meeting (on this, the committee level) will be on Wednesday, May 28, 2008 at 6:30pm at the Jonesville Town Hall/Welcome Center.

Commissioner Wooten made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Wagoner second.

Vote: 3/0

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

Prepared and Approved by Acting Clerk,
Eric Williams